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Subject: Re: Are you in the Market?

Ok with me

From: Dunlap, Bridget

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 4:33:12 PM **To:** Stavnes, Sandra; Robles, Elaine

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Subject: Are you in the Market?

Hi Sandy and Elaine,

Deb and I talked a bit ago and she recommended a few more changes. We also recommend that this comes out from Howard in a R8 all employee mailer since he is the champion. The project manager information is separated out, see below. I also highlighted the projects areas as Deb would appreciate a more descriptive explanation of what employees might find so we can capture their interest in applying. Lastly, please check with Michelle to see if this needs to go by AFGE? I am on furlough Monday so Elaine, after the description verbiage is reworked, please get this into coordination so it goes out as soon as possible. Thanks!

On Tuesday, May 28, 2013, I sent a memo announcing the launch of the Skills Marketplace and Virtual Collaboration Program Pilot. Region 8 was selected along with six other EPA Offices (AO, OARM, OW, OSWER, R6, R7) to participate in this opportunity to work collaboratively with outside of their "home" office or program. This is your opportunity to work on Agency priority projects that will enable the transfer of skills you possess or the development of skills in an area of interest to you.

The Skills Marketplace portal located at http://intranet.epa.gov/skillsmarketplace/index.html contains over 80 projects from participating pilot Offices. You might be interested in projects posted in areas such as IT, programmatic, technical as well as a variety workgroup participation. Region 8 currently has 9 projects posted. They include:

- EP Support for NEPA document review EPR
- R8 START program enhancement TMS
- Automated NPDES Inspection Report Writing Database ECEJ
- Columbia Falls Aluminum Smelter Preliminary Assessment EPR
- Air Quality NEPA desk guide EPR
- NPDES Inspection type reference guide ECEJ
- R8 Knowledge Transfer workgroup TMS
- Review Resource Mgmt Plans from BLM for surface water/wetlands impacts EPR
- Redesign Wetlands Enhanced State and Tribal Program EPR

If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed on the SMP portal and have shared your interest in these opportunities with your supervisor, load your profile on the SMP portal

at http://intranet.epa.gov/skillsmarketplace/index.html. After you set up your profile, you can begin applying for opportunities of interest. The closing date for Region 8 projects has been extended to 6/21/13. Please note that the deadlines may be different for projects submitted by other pilot program offices.

I encourage you to visit the SMP Portal and apply for the projects that are of interest to you. Please contact me at <u>robles.elaine@epa.gov</u> or Sandy Stavnes at <u>stavnes.sandra@epa.gov</u> if you have any questions.

Separate email recommendation:

For this part, how about an email from Elaine just to the project managers so we can keep the employee memo focused on what employees might do...

For those of you who are 'Project Managers' for Region 8 SMP projects, I have attached some tips offered by my Skills Marketplace colleague in Office of the Administrator that may be helpful to you in screening applicants. Don't forget about the tools that we have developed to assist you internally. They can be found on the 8Net at http://8net.epa.gov/pages/skills-marketplace.

This is an exciting opportunity to pioneer the launch of this innovative program at the Agency. Please contact me at robles.elaine@epa.gov or Sandy Stavnes at stavnes.sandra@epa.gov if you have any questions.

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